

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/851,113

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-15 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 3 and Claim 3 has been cancelled. No new matter has been entered. Entry of the present Amendment is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8 and 10-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,485,883 to Kodama *et al.*

Without admitting that this rejection is appropriate, Applicant has cancelled Claim 3 and have incorporated the subject matter of that claim into Claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

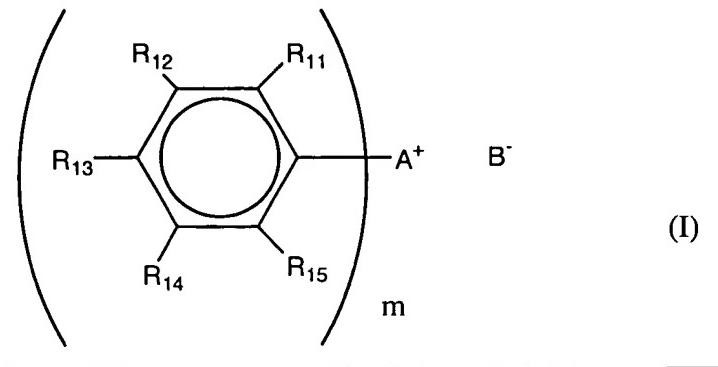
IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 is canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A positive radiation-sensitive composition comprising:
 - (a) a resin whose solubility in an alkali developer increases by the action of an acid;
 - (b) a compound that generates a carboxylic acid having a molecular weight of 100 or less upon irradiation with an actinic ray or a radiant ray;
 - (c) a surfactant; and
 - (d) a solvent,

wherein compound (b) is present in an amount of from 1 to 20 wt% based upon the solid contents, and compound (b) is a compound represented by the following formula (I):



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wherein R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₅ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a straight chain, branched or cyclic alkyl group, a straight chain, branched or cyclic alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, or -S-R₀; R₀ represents a straight chain, branched or cyclic alkyl group, or an aryl group, A⁺ represents S⁺ of I⁺; B⁻ represents CH₃COO⁻, C₂H₅COO⁻ or C₃H₇COO⁻; and m represents 2 or 3.